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Kindly amend paragraph "[0006]", on page 3 of the Specification, as follows:

Figure Figures 6 is a partial side view of the friction grip fireplace tool of the present invention, illustrating an embodiment of the hand grip wherein the hand grip 13 is a U-shaped hand grip formed contiguously with the connecting rod 9 of the tool.

Figure 7 is a partial side view of the friction grip fireplace tool of the present invention, illustrating an embodiment of the hand grip 13 wherein the hand grip is a Ushaped hand grip coupled to the connecting rod 9 of the tool via a coupling.

Figure through 8 is a partial side view of the friction grip fireplace tool of the present invention, illustrating an embodiment of the hand grip wherein the show examples of 3 constructions of the hand grip 13 is uncurved and contiguous with the connecting rod 9. Other constructions may vary from these figures.

Kindly amend paragraph "[0008]", on page 3 of the Specification, as follows:

Figure Figures 9 is a side view illustrating a first step in an operation to move a log using the friction grip fireplace tool of the present invention, wherein the numerical label "1" serves as a reference for the textual description of the process used with the tool of the present invention in the Detailed Description of the Invention, and wherein the arrow illustrated direction of movement of the tool.

Figure 10 is a side view illustrating a second step in an operation to move a log using the friction grip fireplace tool of the present invention, wherein the numerical labels "2" and "3" serve as references for the textual description of the process used with the tool of the present invention in the Detailed Description of the Invention, and where the small arrow illustrates the direction of force applied by the log, and the larger arrow illustrates the direction of force applied by the tool.

Figure 11 is a side view illustrating a third step in an operation to move a log using the friction grip fireplace tool of the present invention, wherein the numerical labels "4" and "5" serve as references for the textual description of the process used with the tool of the present invention in the Detailed Description of the Invention, wherein the opposing arrows illustrate the directions of force applied by the open-jawed mouth 10 of